

REMARKS

Claims 19-34 and 47-50 are pending and allowed in this application. Claims 19-21, 23-25, 29, 32-34 and 47 are amended hereby.

Responsive to the objection to the drawings, Applicants have amended Fig. 3 to illustrate that passage opening 36, web 38 and web 40 have a plurality of occurrences in the figure. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Fig. 3 is now in allowable form, and respectfully request the withdrawal of the objection to the figures.

Responsive to the objection to the elements of claim 32, Applicants have amended claim 32 to indicate that the webs are alternatively either of equal height or have the webs extending in an axial direction higher than those extending in the peripheral direction. Applicants submit that this alternative language is consistent with the figures and the specification and should place claim 32 in allowable form.

Responsive to the objection to claims 19-34 and 47-50, Applicants have amended claims 19 and 47 keeping in mind the recommendations of the Examiner, and submit that claims 19-34 and 47-50 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

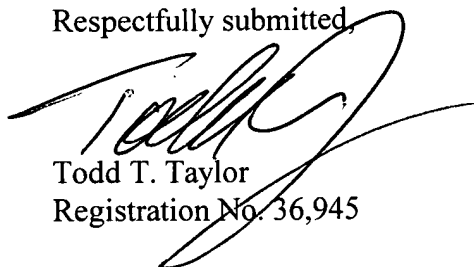
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to

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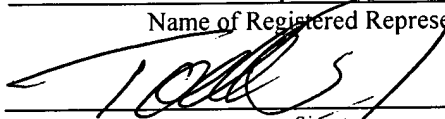
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SUBMITTED DRAWINGS

Drawings that are being submitted include a Replacement Sheet and an Annotated Sheet, as indicated on the pages that follow.

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Fig. 3 as indicated in red on the attached Annotated Sheet. A Replacement Sheet presenting replacement figures which incorporate the desired changes is also enclosed in the Submitted Drawings section of this amendment.

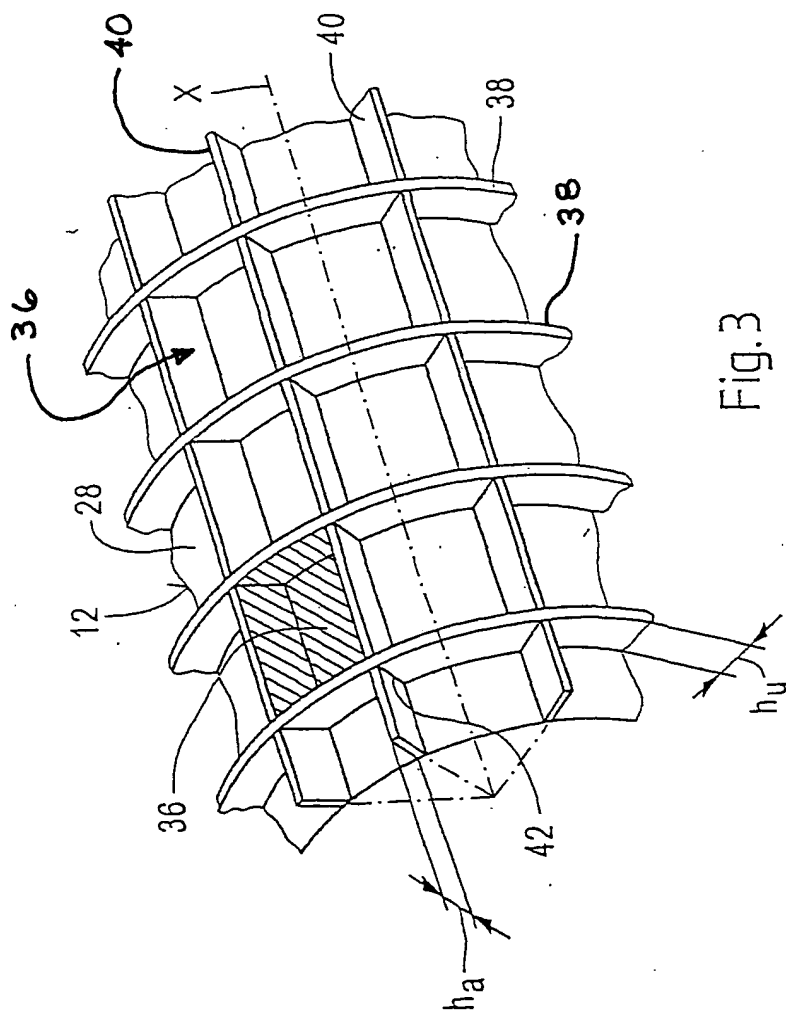


Fig. 3